


## EXHIBIT 026

**U.S. Patent No. 7,366,818 (Radulescu & Goossens)**


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1. Integrated circuit comprising a plurality of processing modules (M, S) said modules being disposed on the same chip, and	<p>Without conceding that the preamble of claim 1 of the '818 Patent is limiting, the Lenovo IdeaPad Duet 3 Chromebook (hereinafter, the “Lenovo product”) includes an integrated circuit.</p> <p>For example, the Lenovo product includes the Qualcomm Snapdragon 7c Gen 2 Compute Platform system on chip (hereinafter, the “Snapdragon SoC”).</p> <div data-bbox="499 548 1008 915">  </div> <div data-bbox="1108 500 1696 613"> <h2>Lenovo IdeaPad Duet 3 Chromebook</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="1108 638 1696 665"> <p>Featuring a Snapdragon 7c Gen 2 Compute Platform</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1108 690 1795 963"> <p>The Lenovo IdeaPad™ Duet 3 Chromebook is the ideal work and play device for the hyper-mobile user looking for superior experience with the larger 11" 2K near-borderless display. Faster connectivity options, all-day battery life, and the more powerful, fanless and efficient performance of the Snapdragon® 7c Gen 2 platform gets things done while on the go. Work on the detachable keyboard or take notes and sketch with the optional Lenovo USI Pen 2.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="630 1003 877 1065"> <p>1 2 3 4</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1119 1040 1289 1094"> <p>Learn More</p> </div> <div data-bbox="499 1128 1753 1203"> <p><a href="https://www.qualcomm.com/products/application/mobile-computing/laptop-device-finder/lenovo-ideapad-duet-3-chromebook">https://www.qualcomm.com/products/application/mobile-computing/laptop-device-finder/lenovo-ideapad-duet-3-chromebook</a></p> </div>

<sup>1</sup> The Lenovo product is charted as a representative product made used, sold, offered for sale, and/or imported by Lenovo. The citations to evidence contained herein are illustrative and should not be understood to be limiting. The right is expressly reserved to rely upon additional or different evidence, or to rely on additional citations to the evidence cited already cited herein

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	<p>The Snapdragon SoC comprises a plurality of processing modules, for example Qualcomm Adreno GPU; Octa-core Qualcomm Kryo 468 CPU; and Qualcomm Hexagon 692 DSP:</p> <div><div><p>Qualcomm® Snapdragon™</p><p>7c Gen 2 Compute Platform</p></div><div><p>Qualcomm snapdragon</p></div></div> <p>Specifications &amp; Features</p> <table><tr><td><p><b>CPU</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CPU Clock Speed: Up to 2.55 GHz</li><li>• CPU Cores: Octa-core Qualcomm® Kryo™ 468 CPU</li><li>• CPU Architecture: 64-bit</li></ul><p><b>Process</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process Technology: 8 nm</li></ul><p><b>OS Support</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supports Windows 10 and Windows 11</li><li>• Chrome OS</li></ul><p><b>Memory</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Memory Type: 2 x 16-bit, LPDDR4x-4266</li></ul><p><b>Storage</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UFS: eMMC 5.1; UFS 2.1</li></ul><p><b>Visual Subsystem</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GPU: Qualcomm® Adreno™ GPU</li></ul><p><b>Camera</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Image Signal Processor: Qualcomm Spectra™ 255 image signal processor, 14-bit</li><li>• Dual Camera, ZSL, 30fps: Up to 16 MP</li></ul></td><td><p><b>Video</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Video Playback: Up to 4K HDR10</li><li>• Codec Support: H.265 (HEVC), H.264 (AVC), VP9</li><li>• Video Software: Motion Compensated Temporal Filtering (MCTF)</li></ul><p><b>Display</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Max On-Device Display: QXGA @ 60Hz, FHD @ 60Hz</li><li>• Max External Display: QHD @ 60Hz</li><li>• Display Pixels: 2560x1440, 2048x1536</li></ul><p><b>General Audio</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualcomm Aqstic technology: Qualcomm Aqstic™ audio codec, Qualcomm Aqstic smart speaker amplifier</li><li>• Qualcomm® aptX™ audio playback support: aptX, aptX HD</li></ul><p><b>Audio Playback</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PCM, Playback: Up to 384kHz/32bit</li><li>• Additional Playback Features: Native DSD support</li></ul><p><b>Qualcomm® AI Engine</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AIE CPU: Octa-core Kryo 468 CPU</li></ul></td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uplink Technology: Qualcomm® Snapdragon™ Upload+</li><li>• Uplink Carrier Aggregation: 2x20 MHz carrier aggregation</li><li>• Uplink QAM: Up to 64-QAM</li><li>• LTE Speed</li><li>• LTE Peak Download Speed: 600 Mbps</li></ul><p><b>Wi-Fi</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wi-Fi Standards: 802.11ac Wave 2, 802.11a/b/g, 802.11n</li><li>• Wi-Fi Spectral Bands: 24 GHz, 5 GHz</li><li>• MIMO Configuration: 2x2 (2-stream)</li><li>• Qualcomm® FastConnect™ Subsystem</li></ul><p><b>Bluetooth Version</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bluetooth 5.0</li></ul><p><b>GPS Location</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Satellite Systems Support: NavIC, BeiDou, Galileo, GLONASS, GPS, QZSS, SBAS</li></ul><p><b>Security</b></p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualcomm® Processor Security</li><li>• Qualcomm® Content Protection</li><li>• Wi-Fi Security: WPA3</li></ul></td></tr></table>	<p><b>CPU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CPU Clock Speed: Up to 2.55 GHz</li><li>• CPU Cores: Octa-core Qualcomm® Kryo™ 468 CPU</li><li>• CPU Architecture: 64-bit</li></ul> <p><b>Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process Technology: 8 nm</li></ul> <p><b>OS Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supports Windows 10 and Windows 11</li><li>• Chrome OS</li></ul> <p><b>Memory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Memory Type: 2 x 16-bit, LPDDR4x-4266</li></ul> <p><b>Storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UFS: eMMC 5.1; 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a network (N; RN) arranged for providing at least one connection between a first and at least one second module (M, S), wherein said modules communicate via a	Without conceding that the preamble of claim 1 of the '818 Patent is limiting, the Snapdragon SoC included in the Lenovo product utilizes Arteris network on chip interconnect technology, and/or a derivative thereof, (collectively, the “Arteris NoC”) as a network (N; RN) arranged for providing connections between a first and at least one second module (M, S) in the Snapdragon SoC included in the Lenovo product, wherein said modules communicate via a network on chip, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

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	<p data-bbox="575 293 1360 342">Certain Arteris Technology Assets Acquired</p> <p data-bbox="785 370 1150 396">by <b>Kurt Shuler</b>, on October 31, 2013</p> <p data-bbox="512 435 1255 461">Arteris to continue to license, support and maintain Arteris FlexNoC® interconnect IP</p> <p data-bbox="512 483 1417 591">SUNNYVALE, California — October 31, 2013 — Arteris Inc., a leading innovator and supplier of silicon-proven commercial <b>network-on-chip (NoC) interconnect IP</b> solutions, today announced that Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. (“Qualcomm”), a subsidiary of Qualcomm Incorporated, has acquired certain technology assets from Arteris and hired personnel formerly employed by Arteris.</p> <p data-bbox="512 623 1360 773"><b>“</b>Arteris NoC technology has been and will continue to be a key enabler for creating larger and more complex chips in a shorter amount of time at a lower cost. This acquisition of our technology assets represents a validation of the value of Arteris’ Network-on-Chip interconnect IP technology.</p> <p data-bbox="1234 813 1377 839"><b>ARTERIS IP</b></p> <p data-bbox="1117 889 1377 906"><i>K. Charles Janac, President and CEO, Arteris</i></p> <p data-bbox="499 971 1797 1045"><a href="https://www.arteris.com/press-releases/Qualcomm-Arteris-asset-acquisition-2013_oct_31">https://www.arteris.com/press-releases/Qualcomm-Arteris-asset-acquisition-2013_oct_31</a>; <a href="https://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/qualcomm-acquires-arteris-noc-tech-assets-team">https://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/qualcomm-acquires-arteris-noc-tech-assets-team</a></p> <p data-bbox="499 1089 1843 1164">For example, in the Arteris NoC, “[m]ost transactions require the following two-step transfers,” including “[a] master send[ing] request packets” and “the slave return[ing] response packets”:</p>

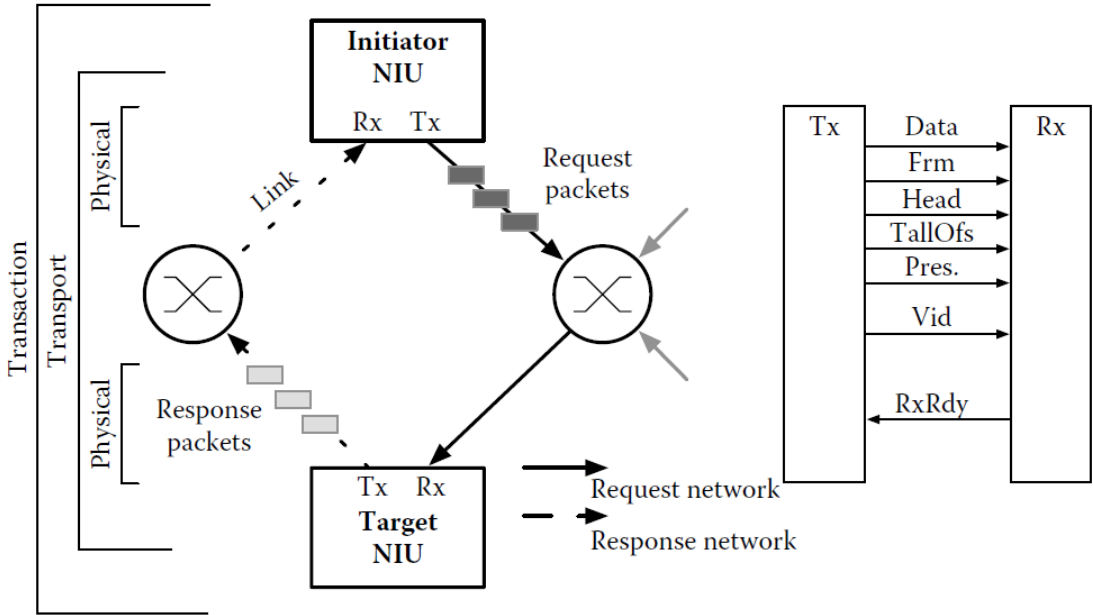
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	<p><b>11.3.1.1 Transaction Layer</b></p> <p>The transaction layer is compatible with bus-based transaction protocols used for on-chip communications. It is implemented in NIUs, which are at the boundary of the NoC, and translates between third-party and NTTP protocols. Most transactions require the following two-step transfers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A master sends request packets.</li> <li>• Then, the slave returns response packets.</li> </ul> <p>As shown in Figure 11.1, requests from an initiator are sent through the master NIU’s transmit port, Tx, to the NoC request network, where they are routed to the corresponding slave NIU. Slave NIUs, upon reception of request packets</p> <p>on their receive ports, Rx, translate requests so that they comply with the protocol used by the target third-party IP node. When the target node responds, returning responses are again converted by the slave NIU into appropriate response packets, then delivered through the slave NIU’s Tx port to the response network. The network then routes the response packets to the requesting master NIU, which forwards them to the initiator. At the transaction level, NIUs enable multiple protocols to coexist within the same NoC. From the point of view of the NTTP modules, different third-party protocols are just packets moving back and forth across the network.</p>

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	 <p><b>FIGURE 11.1</b> NTTP protocol layers mapped on NoC units and Media Independent NoC Interface—MINI.</p> <p>See Networks-On-Chips Theory and Practice, <a href="https://vdoc.pub/download/networks-on-chips-theory-and-practice-embedded-multi-core-systems-6f26qivv11f0">https://vdoc.pub/download/networks-on-chips-theory-and-practice-embedded-multi-core-systems-6f26qivv11f0</a>, at 312-313; see <i>id</i> at 308 (explaining that Chapter 11 of this book describes the function of the Arteris NoC: “In this chapter we will present an MPSoC platform [...] using Arteris NoC as communication infrastructure.”).</p> <p>A large SoC, such as the Snapdragon SoC included in the Lenovo product may include multiple classes of Arteris NoC:</p>



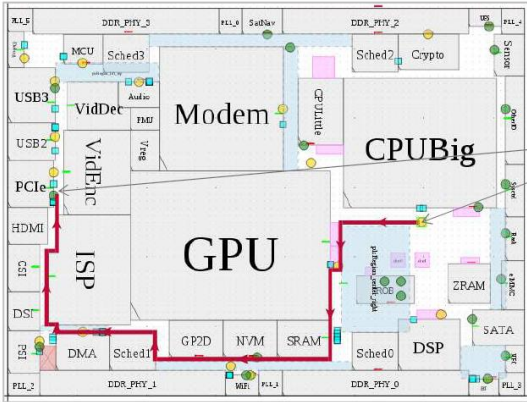
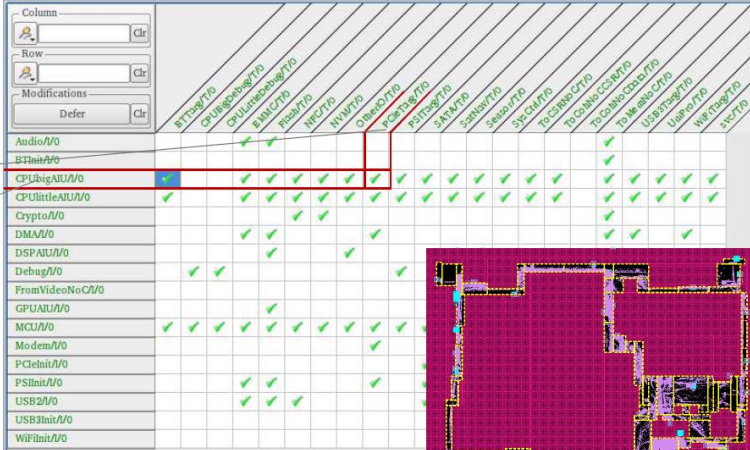
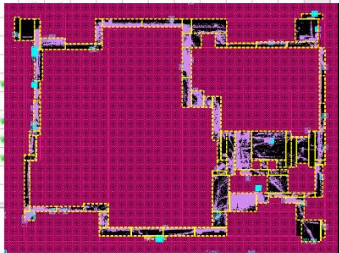

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<p>wherein said connection supports transactions comprising outgoing messages</p>	<p style="color: orange; text-align: center;"><b>Connectivity Map → Interconnect Connections → Layout</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;">    </div> <p style="text-align: right;">DC-Topographical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connectivity table defines interconnect connections within the floorplan</li> <li>• Routes must pass through available channels in the floorplan</li> <li>• Connectivity passes from initiator NIU to switch, to link, to RC buffers and finally to target NIU</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;">  <div>ISPD 2018, 28 March 2018</div> <div>Copyright © 2018 Arteris IP   12</div> </div> <p>See Physical Interconnect Aware Network Optimizer, <a href="http://www.ispd.cc/slides/2018/s7_2.pdf">http://www.ispd.cc/slides/2018/s7_2.pdf</a>, at slide 12.</p> <p>The Arteris NoC utilized by the Snapdragon SoC included in the Lenovo product has a connection that supports transactions comprising outgoing messages from the first module to the second modules and return messages from the second modules to the first module, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.</p> <p>For example, in the Arteris NoC, “[m]ost transactions require the following two-step transfers,” including “[a] master send[ing] request packets” and “the slave return[ing] response packets”:</p>

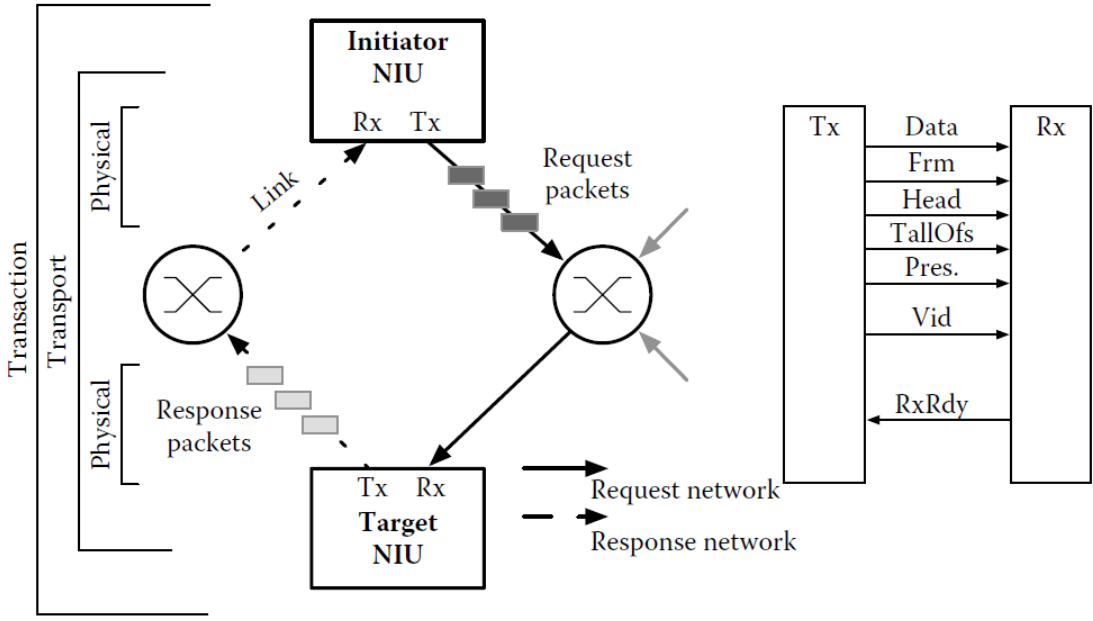
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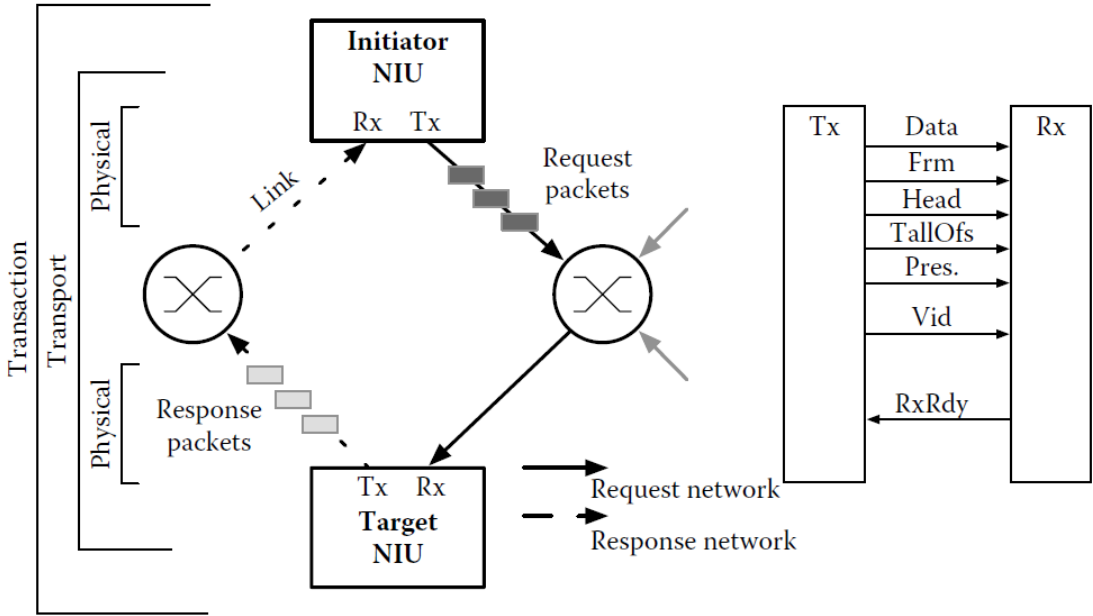
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	<p><b>11.3.2.1 Initiator NIU Units</b></p> <p>Initiator NIU units (the architecture of the AHB initiator is given in Figure 11.4) enable connection between an AMBA-AHB master IP and the NoC. It translates AHB transactions into an equivalent NTTP packet sequence, and transports requests and responses to and from a target NIU, that is, slave IP (slave can be any of the supported protocols). The AHB-to-NTTP unit instantiates a Translation Table for address decoding. This table receives 32-bit AHB addresses from the NIU and returns the packet header and necker information that is needed to access the NTTP address space: Slave address, Slave offset, Start offset, and the coherency size (see Figure 11.2). Whenever the AHB address does not fit the predefined decoding range, the table asserts an error signal that sets the error bit of the corresponding NTTP request packet, for further error handling by the NoC. The translation table is fully user-defined at design time: it must first be completed with its own hardware parameters, then passed to the NIU.</p> <p>A FIFO memory is inserted in the datapath for AHB write accesses. The FIFO memory absorbs data at the AHB initiator rate, so that NTTP packets can</p>

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	<p>burst at NoC rate as soon as a minimum amount of data has been received. The width of the FIFO and the AHB data bus is identical, and the FIFO depth is defined by the hardware parameter. This parameter indicates the amount of data required to generate a Store packet: each time the FIFO is full, a Request packet is sent on the Tx port. Of course, if the AHB access ends before the FIFO is full, the NTTP request packet is sent. Because AHB can only tolerate a single outstanding transaction, the AHB bus is frozen until the NTTP transaction has been completed. That is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During a read request, until the requested data arrives from the Rx port</li> <li>• During a nonbufferable write request, in which case only the last access is frozen and the acknowledge occurs when the last NTTP response packet has been received</li> <li>• When an internal FIFO is full</li> </ul>

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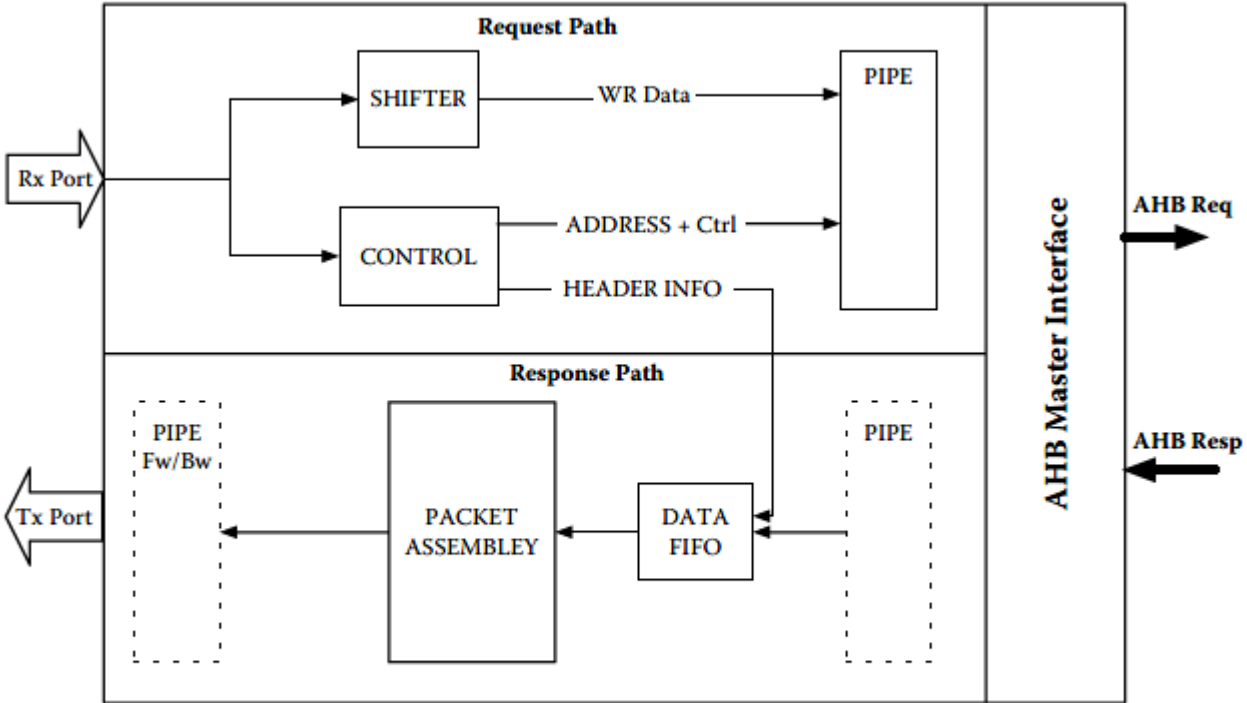
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	<p><i>C. Transaction Timeout</i></p> <p>Target-side timeout in network interface units detects unresponsive target IP failures and ensures that they do not block the NoC. Initiator-side timeout in network interface units detects transport packet deletion, bad routing, or failures of stuck arbiters or targets. Timeout is detected per transaction using a pre-scaled counter to minimized hardware cost and power consumption.</p> <p>SoC Reliability Features in the FlexNoC Resilience Package, <a href="http://itersnews.com/wp-content/uploads/experts/2015/03/95935flexnoc-resilience-package-tech-paper.pdf">http://itersnews.com/wp-content/uploads/experts/2015/03/95935flexnoc-resilience-package-tech-paper.pdf</a> at 2.</p>